And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's Mightiest Heroes found themselves united against a common threat! On that day, the Avengers were born, to fight the foes no single super hero could withstand!

The Hood has built an organization of super-criminals, including The Wrecking Crew, Chemistro, The Wizard, Madame Masque and a host of others. To prove himself, he and his gang took out the super hero Tigra and robbed a bank of millions and millions of dollars.

The Avengers successfully tracked and stopped the Hood's gang but the Hood broke his new teammates out of S.H.I.E.L.D. custody, specifically to take the fight right back to the Avengers.

Now, the New Avengers and Tony Stark are dealing with a Skrull infestation, shape-shifting aliens who can take the guise of anyone they want. The heroes can't detect the Skrulls and can't trust anyone to be who they seem to be... including themselves.

It would seem like it's a good day to be a super-villain...

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"For what they've done, they will have to pay the ultimate price." – Ultimatum, November 2008

AAAIEE!
ZZAACCKK
DAMN!
GET UP. GET ON YOUR FEET!
TRY THAT AGAIN—WE'LL FRY YOUR HEAD AND THEN BLOW IT ACROSS THE ROOM!

MADAME MASQUE...
WHITNEY FROST...
WHAT THE HELL *HAPPENED* TO YOU?
YOU USED TO HAVE YOUR OWN HONEST-TO-GOD *CRIMINAL EMPIRE.*
YOU WERE A FORCE TO BE *RECKONED* WITH.
FOR *REAL?*
AND NOW... WHAT?
YOU'RE THE HOOD'S FRIDAY NIGHT GIRL?
NOW, *THAT* IS A COME-DOWN.
THE HOOD.
THIS IS A NEW THING. THIS KINGPIN OF THE SUPER-CRIMINALS.
WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO KNOW EVERYTHING YOU KNOW.
AH, THE BAD-ASS STINK EYE.
SAW THAT COMING.
GUESS WE SHOULD TAKE HER MASK OFF.
GUESS WE HAVE TO.
SEE WHAT'S SO DAMN HORRIBLE UNDER THERE.
THEY SAY NO ONE'S EVER SEEN HER WITHOUT IT.
IF THE HOOD HAS, WE HAVE TO KNOW OR THE SWITCHOUT WON'T WORK.
EXACTLY.
I'LL KILL YOU!
I'LL KILL YOU ALL!

DON'T WORRY, BABE... I GOT IT.
BLAM BLAM BLAM
BLAM
YOU DON'T--
HUP!
NAH!
BLAM BLAM
HEY.
PARKER.
BLAM
HOLD ON, ALMOST DONE.
PARKER!
DON'T--
PARKER!
WHAT?

WHAT IS THIS?
TAP TAP
HUH. GUESS WE SHOULD GET EVERYONE TOGETHER.

ONE MONTH AGO.
TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT SKRULLS.
WHAT'S A SKRULL?
IT'S AN ALIEN RACE, RIGHT?
SHAPE-SHIFTING ALIEN RACE.
SPACE ALIENS? OR--?
ALIENS, NOW? WHAT THE HELL, MAN?
THIS IS WHAT YOU DRAGGED US ALL BACK TOGETHER FOR? ALIENS?
WAIT FOR IT.
YOU'RE--YOU'RE ALL UNDER ARREST.
NO, NO.
COME ON, MINI-KINGPIN. THIS IS ALL SUCH BUNK, MAN.
LISTEN, ALL DUE RESPECT...
BUT YOU BLEW IT.
YOU SICCED US ON THE AVENGERS AND YOU GOT US ALL BEAT TO HELL.
YOU TRIED TO GET US PAID, AND YOU GOT US PINCHED.
NOW WE ALL APPRECIATE YOU CAN GET US OUT OF THE POKEY, BUT IT AIN'T WORKING.
YEAH.
YOU TRIED, BUT IT DOESN'T WORK.
THE REASON GETTING A GROUP OF US TOGETHER LIKE THIS HAS NEVER WORKED BEFORE IS BECAUSE IT DOESN'T WORK.
AND NOW YOU COME AT US WITH SPACE ALIENS?
EXACTLY.
YOU DONE?
SERIOUSLY? A GUN?
YOU DONE?
DONE BUYING INTO YOUR B.S., DEMON BOY.
I'M OUT.
WE'RE ALL OUT.
AS IN: DON'T CALL NO MORE.
IT'S NOT A LIE.
I SAW THEM MYSELF.
SURE, THAT'S WHAT YOU'LL SAY.
YOU'RE HIS HOOCHIE MAMA.
WHAT?
WHERE IS THAT COMING FROM?
AIN'T'CHA?
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS.
BUT YOU TALK LIKE THAT TO ME AGAIN AND I WILL KILL YOU.
NOT WITH THAT YOU WON'T.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
BLAM

AGGH!!
BLAM
GYAAGGH!
HOW MANY WILL IT TAKE?!
BLAM
AAGGH!!
OH GOD!
THIS ONE SHOULD DO IT!
NO! NO!

PLEASE DON'T.
HO!
WELL, DAMN!
HOW MANY SKRULLS ARE POSING AS AGENTS OF S.H.I.E.L.D.?
I--
I DON'T KNOW.
YES, YOU DO.
WHAT ARE YOU ALL DOING HERE? WHY ARE YOU *HERE*?
I'LL SHOOT NEXT.
NO!
NO...
THE EARTH...
IT'S--IT'S OURS.

YEAH? YOU DON'T SAY.
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
WHAT'S THE PLAN HERE?
HOW MANY OF YOU ARE THERE?
I-I DON'T KNOW.
NO ONE OF US KNOWS THE ENTIRETY OF THE PLAN.
ONLY-- ONLY THE QUEEN. BLESSED BE HER NAME.
PLEASE, THE PAIN-- THE PAIN IS SO...
SMACK
PPPPLEASE..
PLLEASE..
NO ONE OF US KNOWS.
WE'RE HERE BECAUSE OUR WRITINGS TELL US-- OF-OF-OF A TIME WHEN THIS PLANET...
THE WORLD OF BLUE WILL BE OUR HOME-WORLD.
A WAVE OF DESTRUCTION ANNIHILATED OUR HOME. IT WAS THE SIGN OF SIGNS.
THIS IS OUR HOME NOW.
WHY ME? YOU WERE TRYING TO REPLACE ME WITH ONE OF YOU?
AGH!
WE NEED OUR AGENTS IN EVERY CORNER OF THE POWERED.
THE POWERED?
EVERY POWER SECT OF THE PLANET.
YOU-YOUR GATHERING-- IT IS NEW.
WE HAVE NO CONTROL OVER IT. WE WEREN'T PREPARED.
YOU HAVE AGENTS IN OTHER GROUPS?
MMM...
HEY!
IN THE AVENGERS? THE FANTASTIC FOUR? YOU HAVE YOUR AGENTS IN THERE NOW?
IT'S OUR...
PPP..
PLANET...
JEEZ!
GET-- GET HIM UP.

I AM DORMAMMU!
BOW BEFORE ME!
FOR I WILL GUIDE YOUR HAND AND GRANT YOU THE FULL POWER OF THE DARK DIMENSION.
TO BE CONTINUED...